

liquid holding means for holding liquid utilized with the heating system; and  
aperture means for receiving the flue which extends therethrough, said aperture  
means defined by said liquid holding means.

33. The tank according to claim 32 wherein said tank includes air releasing means.

34. The tank according to claim 33 wherein said air releasing means is an open top.

35. The tank according to claim 32 wherein said liquid holding means is doughnut shaped.

36. The tank according to claim 32 wherein said tank includes connecting means for  
connecting said tank to the heating vessel.

37. The tank according to claim 32 wherein said tank is integrally connected to the heating  
vessel.

38. The tank according to claim 32 wherein said tank is non-circulating.

39. The tank according to claim 32 wherein said tank includes leg means.

40. The tank according to claim 32 wherein said liquid holding means includes an outer  
tank wall, an inner tank wall, and a bottom tank wall.

41. The tank according to claim 32 wherein said inner tank wall extends substantially  
vertically to said bottom tank wall.

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#### REMARKS

New claims 22 – 41 are pending in this application. Claims 22, 25, 26, 30 and 32 are independent. Applicant submits an additional payment of \$33 to cover the extra claim fees (the original filing was for 21 total claims with 4 independent claims for a sum of \$421; currently pending are 20 claims with 5 independent claims for a sum of \$454).



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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

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### CONCLUSION

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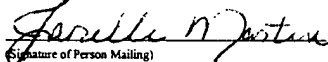


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